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SPORTS

K-State's Fastpitch Softball Club is all business. Read about the team's double-header on Page 5.

EDGE

Behind the scenes the design team for K-State's production of 'Guys and Dolls' is already building sets for the show. Get the full story on Page 6.

INSIDE

Looking for a more personal cereal bowl or coffee mug? Check out Page 8 for a story about the K-State Potters Guild's ceramics sale.

Expansion transaction

Fort Riley plans commissary reconstruction

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It is 2 p.m. on a Saturday at the Fort Riley Commissary. Grocery carts are gone, and people are waiting to be checked out.

Since 2006, the number of soldiers at Fort Riley has swelled from 9,500 to more than 18,000. This growth, spurred by the troops returning from a 10-year stint in Germany, has required the post to redevelop facilities and expand several services to accommodate the influx.

To better serve its increasing population, Fort Riley recently announced plans to reconstruct the Fort Riley Commissary, where soldiers, retirees and their families go to buy groceries.

The number of customer transactions at the commissary has increased 30 percent from 1,200-1,300 to 1,700-1,900 in the past two years, said Fort Riley Commissary Store Director Peter Howell.

"This project will bring our store to the level required to meet the growth of Fort Riley," Howell said.

The commissary project will expand the current facility from 62,067 square feet to more than 108,000 square feet, increasing the store's sales area by 74 percent.

The \$21 million contract for the commissary was recently awarded to BE&K Federal Services, LLC, by the Kansas City-based Army Corps of Engineers.

Currently, the commissary is limited in storage and shelving space in its operation, but one of the main goals for the reconstruction is to increase this space.

After the reconstruction, the number of line items in the commissary will increase from 13,000 to 16,000. The project will also create extra holding power for items and more variety of item flavors and sizes. Specialty sections, including the meat department, produce and deli/bakery will be expanding and more self-checkout registers will be installed.

The commissary system saves a family of four more than 30 percent over an average grocery retailer like Wal-Mart or HyVee. Frozen food, dairy and meat saves customers about 40-45 percent, Howell said.

Military families save about \$3,400 a year shopping at the commissary, according to a recent report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Howell said a number of military families shop at other grocers like Wal-Mart because of limited selection at the commissary. He said he hopes the reconstruction will provide more variety of items so families will shop at the commissary.

"We want to prevent our military families from leaving base to shop so we can save them more money," Howell said.

People who have access to the commissary are active duty military members and their families, retirees and National Guard members while on duty, Howell said. The commissary also welcomes students whose parents

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-Peter Howell, Fort Riley Commissary Store Director

Brilliant, who is Filipino, said she hopes the renovation will include more ethnic food so she can shop there and not have to go to a specialty store.

"I think it's awesome that they are giving the multicultural population of Fort Riley more options," she said.



Photos by Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN
A deli clerk shows a slice of ham at the Fort Riley Commissary, which offers military personnel, retirees and their families groceries at cost with only a 5 percent surcharge to cover operating cost. The deli is part of the expansion project currently underway at the commissary.

may live in another state to come and shop, he said.

Construction plans are scheduled to be complete by spring 2011, but the facility will continue business during construction.

Many customers said they are excited for the reconstruction.

"I think it's past due," Sgt. Michael Williams, 45, said. "It will definitely help us out."

Peggy Brilliant, 37, of Manhattan, has been shopping at the commissary since 2006. Her husband is an active duty soldier.



The bakery that offers soldiers and their families an assortment of breads and pastries will be expanded during the renovation and expansion of the Fort Riley Commissary. This expansion will allow the commissary to account for the influx of troops of the 1st Infantry Division and the increase of soldiers on base since 2006.

CITY GOVERNMENT

City taxes may pay 2.5M bill

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The City Commission will be holding a work session at 5 p.m. today to discuss amending the South End Redevelopment agreement with Dial Realty as to whether Dial should pay a \$2.5-million debt owed for the south end property.

Mayor Bob Strawn said the original contract estimated the cost of purchasing the property for the south end redevelopment at \$12 million. The actual cost was \$17 million. The contract stated that the additional \$5 million would be split 50/50 between the city and Dial Realty.

Strawn said now the city wants to pay for the entire \$5 million through the use of revenues of the city's sales tax and revenue bonds, money that was not supposed to be used to pay Dial's debt.

"I've been in business for over 25 years, and I've never seen a contract this convoluted," Strawn said. "And

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Banned books featured this week

By Shelton Burch
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students and faculty of the Department of English are reading America's most debated books this week for American Library Association's Banned Books Week.

Every year, starting on the last Monday of September, libraries and other literature-based organizations celebrate the right to express themselves, even if that expression is against what is popular or generally respected, according to the American Library Association's Web site.

Naomi Wood, associate professor of English, said the list encompasses about every genre of literature available to the public.

"Chances are that if you've ever enjoyed a book, it's probably on the list," she said.

Wood said the idea behind Banned Books Week is that at some point or another, parents of a student in kindergarten through 12th grade saw their child reading a book and called the material within the book "inappropriate," often asking the school to ban the book.

An example is the idea of Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," which was banned for its portrayal of blacks in the early 1900s. Wood said she sees this as limiting students from viewing American culture in its completion.

"If your child is reading a book like that, present them with a book that shows a more modern example rather than banning it," Wood said. "By just denying that part of history existed, you actually cause more problems."

Susan Withee, adult services manager at the Manhattan Public Library, said

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Recycling company looks to turn the Little Apple 'green'

Acme Gifts in Aggieville uses Green Apple Curbside Recycling, a company serving Manhattan, St. George and Wamego owned by a local Manhattan couple. "We love that it's a husband and wife who like to support small businesses and who just want to be green," said Jenny Willis, K-State graduate and employee at Acme Gifts.



By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Doug Markham noticed something missing from the Manhattan community when he moved here in February: a curbside recycling service.

At first, he did what everyone else does and stowed his recyclables in the garage until he remembered to take them to Howie's Recycling, a local recycling center.

It did not take long for Markham to decide that there was a need for pick-up recycling in the area and that he had the opportunity to do something about it. Markham's dream became a reality when Green Apple Curbside Recycling made its first pick-up on July 4.

Green Apple is so named because of its goal, as stated on its official Web site, to "turn the Little Apple into the Green Apple."

Pick-up service is offered once a week, and the pick-up day depends on where people live because the routes are staggered. This helps minimize the gas used

in the truck, which then minimizes the effect it has on the environment.

Green Apple also uses electronic invoices to avoid paper waste. An 18-gallon container is provided to customers for their recyclables, but additional containers can be provided upon request. The only sorting customers need to do is to separate the paper from everything else.

Green Apple was conceived and born in a very short time and has already been making strides to change the face of the Manhattan community. After only two months in business, Green Apple has encouraged several area businesses to "go green," like Bobby T's Bar and Grill.

"We set up a way for them to recycle all of their cardboard through us," Markham said. "Because cardboard takes up so much space in a regular trash dumpster, they were able to reduce the amount of pick-ups on their trash dumpster and entirely offset the cost of recycling their cardboard with us."

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Erin Poppe
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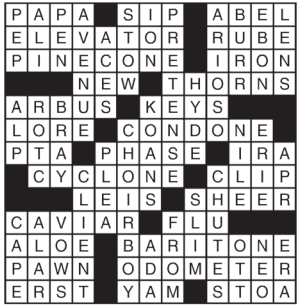
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STREET TALK

Check out **Page 4** for an editorial about why students should register to vote.

Q: Is it important for students to participate in local and campus politics?

Ryan Magaster
Junior, mechanical engineering

Zach Stanley
Sophomore, chemical engineering

Emaleigh Farlow
Sophomore, open option

Rachel Tippin
Freshman, dietetics

THE PLANNER

CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Trauma Recovery Group offered by the Women's Center and Counseling Services is starting today at 5 p.m. in Room 232 of the Counseling Services building. For more information or to register for the group, contact Counseling Services at 785-532-6927 or the Women's Center 785-532-6444.

The American Ethnic Studies Program will celebrate the initiation of its new major program with an ice cream social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the lawn in front of Leisure Hall. The entire K-State community is welcome to come by for free Call Hall ice cream and to learn more about the American Ethnic Studies Program.

Career and Employment Services is promoting Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

Lafene Health Center has flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff age 18 and over. H1N1 vaccines are not expected until mid to late October. See Lafene's Web site for updates and more info. No appointment necessary; walk-ins allowed on Thursday. Check in at the front desk.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yvonne Amanor-Boadu at 2 p.m. Thursday at Campus Creek Complex room 214. The thesis topic is "A Comparison of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Women's Decision Making in Abusive Relationships."

The K-State Blood Drive will take place Oct. 6-9. The drive will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 6-8 and from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the K-State Student Union. People can also come to Putnam Hall from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 6-8. Everyone who comes to donate will receive a K-State blood donor T-shirt.

Intramural entries will be accepted Thursday through Oct. 8 for intramural wrestling and student golf in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The wrestling meet will be held Oct. 12-15, and student golf will take place at Stag Hill Golf Course. Tee times will be issued when you sign up in the administrative office. To download entry forms and for more information, visit recservices.k-state.edu/intramurals/intramuralsactivitiesevents.htm.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Elliot Stevens at 9:30 a.m. on Friday in Mosier Hall N202. The thesis topic is "The Persistently Infected Bovine Viral Diarrhea Virus Individual: Prevalence, Viral Survival and Impact Within Commercial Feeding Systems."

The K-State Challenge Course is offering a High Ropes Challenge opportunity from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Experience for yourself the thrill of the power pole, heebie jeebie, flying squirrel and giant swing. Sign up in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex by 1 p.m. on Friday. This event is for K-State students, faculty and staff and the general public. For more information and fees, go online to recservices.k-state.edu or call 785-532-6980.

Rec Services will sponsor Extreme Fitness, a free workshop at Peters Recreation Complex, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 10. The workshop is for individuals looking for a full-body workout challenge and is limited to 24 participants. The session is not for beginners, but for those capable of doing high-intensity movements. Sign up in the administrative office or call 785-532-6980.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Judy Dreeszen at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Bluemont Hall 257. The thesis topic is "The Impact of Differentiation on the Critical Thinking of Gifted Readers and the Evolving Perspective of the Fifth Grade Classroom Teacher."

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DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Read **Page 4** for an editorial about Sunday liquor sales.

Do you wish Manhattan allowed Sunday liquor sales?

A) Yes B) No

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Monday's results: What kind of women's underwear do you prefer?

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CRIME

Harley
stolen
from barn

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Steven Lindsey, 53, reported the theft of his 2006 Harley Davidson Softail Deuce on Sunday, according to a report by the Riley County Police Department. The theft allegedly occurred between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 8380 Frog-holler Road.

The motorcycle was removed from Lindsey's barn, and there was no apparent forced entry, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD. Damages were estimated at \$10,600.

MAN REPORTS THREE COMPUTERS PURCHASED ON STOLEN CREDIT CARD

Frank Staine-Pyne of St. Louis, Mo., reported to the RCPD that someone stole his credit card and used it to order three Dell mini laptops from Varney's Book-store, 623 N. Manhattan Ave, according to another RCPD report.

The incident occurred between Sept. 9 and Sept. 26, and the laptops were shipped to Florida after the purchase, Crosby said. The total cost of the purchase was estimated at \$1,097.

PEPSI MACHINE DAMAGES REPORTED

Manhattan Motors, 1826 Tuttle Creek Blvd., reported that someone broke into its Pepsi machine, stole the items inside and damaged the machine, according to another RCPD report.

The theft and criminal damages occurred between 6 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. on Monday, Crosby said. Damages were estimated at \$780.



Kyle Cooper, junior in lifescience and member of the K-State Marching Band's snare drum line, practices Monday evening in front of McCain Auditorium.

Amateur comics to take stage tonight at Pat's

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Pat's Blue Rib'n Barbecue in Aggieville is scheduled to sponsor "Mr. Tom's Comedy Cavalcade" at 9 p.m. tonight.

The Cavalcade, a showcase for amateur comics in the area, is expected to have more than 12 performers traveling from as far

away as Kansas City, Mo.

K-State's "On the Spot" improv team is set to open the show, along with the guitar comedy of Brother-Jeb. Following the improv performance, J-Rod and Scarface - KMKF-FM 101.5 radio personalities - have been asked to act as masters of ceremony for the night. Tom Mahoney, the event coordinator, said

the pair will introduce each comedian and perform schtick routines between acts.

Each comedian will receive about five to seven minutes to do his or her act. Two participants from Kansas City, Mo., Andrew Tomb and Mickey Potter, will perform last and receive extra time in front of the audience.

"This is a venue for amateur comics and people to try out new material," Mahoney said. "There's lots of places to do open mic if you're a guitar player or in a band, but it's hard for comics to find something like that."

Pat's has agreed to host the event on a biweekly basis in the bar's back room. Admission for the show is \$3.

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‘Rock the vote’

Students should vote locally

With nearly a month of classes under our belts, most students are settled back into their Manhattan lifestyles. Unfortunately, there is one thing many students have forgotten to do: reregister to vote.

Every student should register to vote in Manhattan because there are many decisions being made on the local level that affect K-State students.

This past semester, there have already been two city ordinances that have been passed affecting us as K-State students: mandatory rental inspections and Sunday liquor sales. The involvement of students within the election of our city commissioners has a large impact on the decisions that are made, especially if we elect candidates who have experience with K-State students, like Commissioners Jim Sherow and Jayme Morris-Hardeman.

If making a difference within your local community is not enough for you, you should recognize the simplicity of registering to vote here versus dealing with absentee ballots. It is significantly easier to go and vote on election day than filling out an absentee ballot.

Remembering to order your absentee ballot several weeks before election day, and then sending your ballot back to your local election officials requires a great deal of planning. Plans often fall through with busy student schedules.

Compare that to the planning required to simply vote on election day, when you are guaranteed to be reminded by at least one organization on campus.

Even if you do not want to register to vote in Manhattan, I would still encourage you to make sure you are registered to vote. I always find it discouraging that there are citizens who believe their votes do not



MOLLY MCGUIRE



Illustration by Erin Logan

make a difference.

This argument could not be more wrong. Especially in local elections, a vote can decide if one city commissioner is elected over another. In the 2007 election, Sherow won his seat literally by a coin toss because the vote ended in a tie between him and Morris-Hardeman.

In larger communities, voting and being registered to vote is still extremely important. Often, people are discouraged and disillusioned that their votes do not matter because someone from the opposite party was elected the year before.

If, as a community, more people register and physically go out to vote, then the politicians will be forced to pay attention to that community in order to be re-elected.

There are also a few myths about voter registration that must be debunked.

While registering voters during the 2008

elections, I was often presented with the fear that if citizens were to register then they would be more likely to get jury duty. This is at best laughable. As long as you have either an ID card or a driver's license, you are already in the pool for jury duty.

I also was presented with the fear that if you register to vote then your identity would be stolen. I can understand that fear, especially with the ACORN incidents; however, that is a rarity with voter registration. Most of the people who are registering voters have been trained and are very reliable citizens.

Though, regardless of your political affiliation, you should re-register to vote here in the city of Manhattan.

Molly McGuire is a sophomore in political science and speech. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

Drinking in bars more hazardous than smoking

Commissioner James Sherow said it best on Sept. 1, 2009, at the city commission meeting when he said, "When people try to legislate morality, it never works out well."

Last fall, the city was asked to vote for an ordinance that banned smoking in public. This campaign was orchestrated and brought to fruition by students at K-State. The leader of this morality regulating band wagon was Amy Schultz, the current speaker of the Student Senate. Her team worked diligently, collecting signatures, mostly of college students, to force the smoking ordinance to a public vote.

Schultz and associates rallied for the cause under the pretense that secondhand smoke was hurting the children of Manhattan, and that it should be banned for public safety. Yet, the Environmental Protection Agency reported that car emissions were more carcinogenic and harmful to people, including children, than secondhand smoke.

I don't see anyone screaming about putting their children in a car and driving in bumper-to-bumper traffic all day, every day around Manhattan. I don't see the college students raising a fuss about the number of vehicles zooming around Aggieville all hours of the day and night, polluting the lungs of children.



CORENE BRISENDINE

Now, the city commission is considering allowing alcohol sales on Sundays and most holidays. Not satisfied that anyone can go to a bar seven days a week to drink his or her fill in search of alcoholic bliss until 2 a.m., people want to purchase alcoholic beverages in stores every day, including Sundays, which has been prohibited up until now.

If K-State students are truly concerned with the welfare of the public and its safety, then a different ordinance is well overdue. The National Highway Traffic Association reported in 2006 that 13,470 people were killed by drunk drivers. That number was unchanged from 2005. Of those killed, 382 were under the age of 16, and 6,967 were between the ages of 16 and 34.

People in this town need to stop pointing hypocritical fingers at smokers, especially the college students bent on saving children, and start examining the four fingers pointing back at them. If this town wants to regulate morality, then it should start by prohibiting all alcoholic consumption in public. If K-State President Kirk Schulz wants to increase the retention and graduation of students, perhaps he should campaign for fewer students majoring in Aggieville.

I have no objection to college students, or anyone else in this town pursuing alcoholic bliss in the privacy of his or her own home, or any other liver-destroying, mind-altering or lung-collapsing drug used in the relief of stress or pursuit of happiness.

When these pursuits enter into the realm of

the public, I have a problem.

I am prohibited from venturing out of my driveway after dark Thursday through Sunday due to the number of drunken college students and military personnel driving back and forth to Aggieville and the surrounding bars. I am especially prohibited to step foot outside my house on Saturdays when K-State is playing at Snyder Family Stadium during football season.

Legally, I am permitted to drive anywhere I please, but the ignorant twits who ignore the law prevent me from going out because my first concern is the protection and safety of my family and myself.

When I graduated from college the first time, I earned a degree in medical laboratory technology. I worked for more than four years in hospital emergency rooms, drawing blood, analyzing tests and helping save lives. In those years, I never worked a single accident where one or both of the drivers injured or killed were not under the influence of alcohol, drugs or both. Not one.

Body bag manufacturers make infant-sized body bags for a reason, and a preventable reason at that. I challenge the avid Friday night binger to spend the night in a local emergency room or ride along in an ambulance. Just so you can see there is no cure for the dead.

Corene Brisendine is a senior in mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Attend KC game Saturday

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For the better part of the last two decades, K-State has become well-known as one of the largest traveling fan bases in the nation.

Year in and year out, thousands of faithful Wildcats have traveled to all corners of the country to cheer on their team in bowl games, conference road games and the occasional non-conference trip. Traveling has become somewhat of a tradition for Wildcat Nation, as fans flocked to opposing teams' venues throughout the glory days of the 1990s and also in recent years.

If K-State followers will go to such lengths to represent their team across the country, then why won't they do so in the university's backyard? Less than 10,000 K-State tickets have been purchased for the team's game against Iowa State Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium. This is a disappointment and should be considered an embarrassment by all fans.

Ticket prices are more than reasonable: \$20 for students and \$25 for general admission – and Kansas City, Mo., is just a two-hour drive from Manhattan. If fans from Garden City, Kan., can make the trip to Snyder Family Stadium several Saturdays each fall, then there's no reason students, alumni and other local fans cannot sacrifice one weekend to go support their team.

If your weekend is open and you consider yourself a K-Stater, buy a ticket, put on some purple and go cheer on your team.

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I asked my roommate, "Do you think he blabbed on my business tour?" He responded, "Yeah, because he's a little girl, and that's what little girls do."

Every time Beth Mendenhall writes an article, a Jayhawk gets its wings.

Don't worry about Beth contaminating the world; she doesn't like meat.

Whoops! Lauren crapped her pants.

Alan, you're really starting to piss me off.

Here comes Farnegeddon. Warm up the tractors.

To the girls of Alpha Chi Omega: It's 4 a.m. and I'm standing outside your house with your composites.

Hey K-Staters, I hope you can slam Tennessee Tech. Beat a real team and then brag.

KU: What a tribute to failed play and sportsmanship those guys are.

Matt mow the yard. It only takes 20 minutes.

Controversial issue, misinformation; I don't even have to check who wrote it.

I'm learning a lot about controversial issues thanks to the Collegian. Unfortunately, I have to wait until after someone responds to Beth's articles.

So ... uh, what's under the tree?

Are there any hot dogs left?

Yeah, but I believe Cordero cooked them into a breakfast treat.

Eight years ago, Mark Mangino made a deal with the devil; in exchange for a winning team he has to eat a Twinkie every time his team gets in trouble.

Han Solo is speaking in Bramlage next week for recruits for an imperial army. Please show up.

Dr. Trac rocks my socks off.

Yeah, there's still no paper in Throckmorton or Weber at 9 a.m. You need to fix that.

To the Marlatt 2 dance committee: It sucked.

Question for Beth Men ... I mean, Peopledenhall: Do you hate everyone in the world?

I just saw a guy wearing a polo shirt pack a can of Copenhagen. Can you say "irony"?

To the two girls making out in front of Hale Library: Thanks for ruining every man's fantasy.

We need an article about girls' underwear.

Why go to Longhorns when you can just shoot yourself in the face?

All this talk in the newspaper about milk makes me really thirsty, but I hear milk isn't good for you.

KU and K-State are like Gilligan and Skipper. KU does stupid things and we just shake our head and hit them with our hat.

Basically all of KU's sports teams are coming off of years of NCAA probation and now their sports teams are fighting. How can you not get a chuckle out of those clowns over there?

Dr. Anderson, thank you for your article on milk. You, sir, are my hero.

Whoever's gluing pennies to the ground, keep doing it. It is funny to watch girls pick them up.

Operation glue pennies to sidewalk has begun.

Wearing KU stuff on K-State's campus is like saying, "Hey, look at me! I'm a moron."

Ben Wileman is my hero.

Homer Simpson is my idol. How did he pass Calculus I?

Beth Mendenhall must live in a frat.

The guy in the briefs should be wearing boxers.

My brother goes to KU and told me that the football and basketball teams are fighting over which one cheated more.



The Fourum is also available in full online every day.

Coffman should use his weapons

I can't be sure, but I would have to imagine that every wide receiver on K-State's roster not named Brandon Banks is probably getting bored this season.

For starters, poor plays by Carson Coffman have forced head coach Bill Snyder to limit throws down-field. In fact, Snyder limited even short throws Saturday, opting to throw the ball just 11 times the entire game. Grant Gregory, the backup quarterback, has seen action mostly in running situations, but got to throw twice during his time leading the second unit in the second half. He said Snyder preferred to keep the clock running Saturday.

"I like both, to run and throw, but when the clock is running, Coach likes to run the ball and keep it on the ground," Gregory said.

Running the football is certainly more conservative when you're nursing a small lead, but that was not the case against the Eagles, as the lead was comfortable by halftime. It seems like throwing the ball is a problem for the Wildcats right now, and practice hasn't translated into in-game success, so they should have worked on it with the game in the bag.

However, when Coffman does get to throw, and he manages to not throw it into the ground a few feet in front of his receiver, his first option is almost always Banks. Not to say that Banks hasn't earned the right to be this year's No. 1 receiver. He put up great numbers last year and has unparalleled speed once he turns up-field. After Saturday's big day with kick-off returns, Banks was named the Big 12 Conference special teams player of the week by the league.

Unfortunately, when Coffman drops back, he generally doesn't have enough time to look at his second or third options, meaning if Banks isn't open, the play is broken and Coffman either takes off running or gets sacked for a loss.

This leaves Attrail Snipes and Lamark Brown, and other less established receivers like Collin Klein and Sheldon Smith, on the outside looking in, relegated to blocking duties only. Sure, Snipes had a big first game against UMass, scoring two touchdowns on passes from Coffman. But in the next three games, he caught the ball only four times, with zero balls sent his way by Coffman against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

Brown has also been under-utilized. He has six receptions on the season for 55 yards and no touchdowns. Listed at 6 feet 3 inches and 225 pounds, Brown has a big size advantage over most college defensive backs. With good speed and decent hands, Coffman should be throwing the ball to him more and using his size as an advantage. Brown's height alone can compensate for Coffman's inability to deliver the ball with precision.

Klein and Smith are both new to the system and have a lot to learn about playing wide receiver for the Wildcats. Klein is a converted quarterback who also has size and good speed. Playing quarterback comes with a lot of knowledge about route running and how to get open, something Klein can use to his advantage. Smith is a junior transfer and will likely see more action next year when Banks and Snipes graduate.

As the season continues and Big 12 Conference play begins, the Wildcats' one-dimensional running attack will struggle to put points on the board because the defense will see it coming. Perhaps by then, Coffman will realize he has more weapons at receiver than just Brandon Banks.



GRANT GUGGISBERG

Softball team splits home double-header

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After a 1-1 tie in the first game of a club softball double-header against Haskell Indian Nations University, Dena Bunnel was noticeably unhappy.

Bunnel, fifth-year senior in agricultural communications, journalism and political science, and catcher for the K-State Women's Fast pitch Softball Club team, spent the following 10 minutes warming up the starting pitcher for the second game.

After the 10-minute intermission, both teams took the field and game two began. The K-State team's competitive side showed through in a decisive 12-3 win.

Throughout both games, Bunnel could be heard above all others chattering at teammates and cheering them on. Then at the end of the game, complaining that the game was not going into extra innings.

"I've changed the demeanor of this team, making them more competitive," said head coach Jose Reyes. "I'm blessed every year to be able to put a good team together that can compete against teams like Haskell, Kansas Wesleyan, and other teams in the area."

Bunnel echoed her coach's thoughts, saying her favorite aspect of the club team was the competitiveness and ability to mesh together and work as a team.

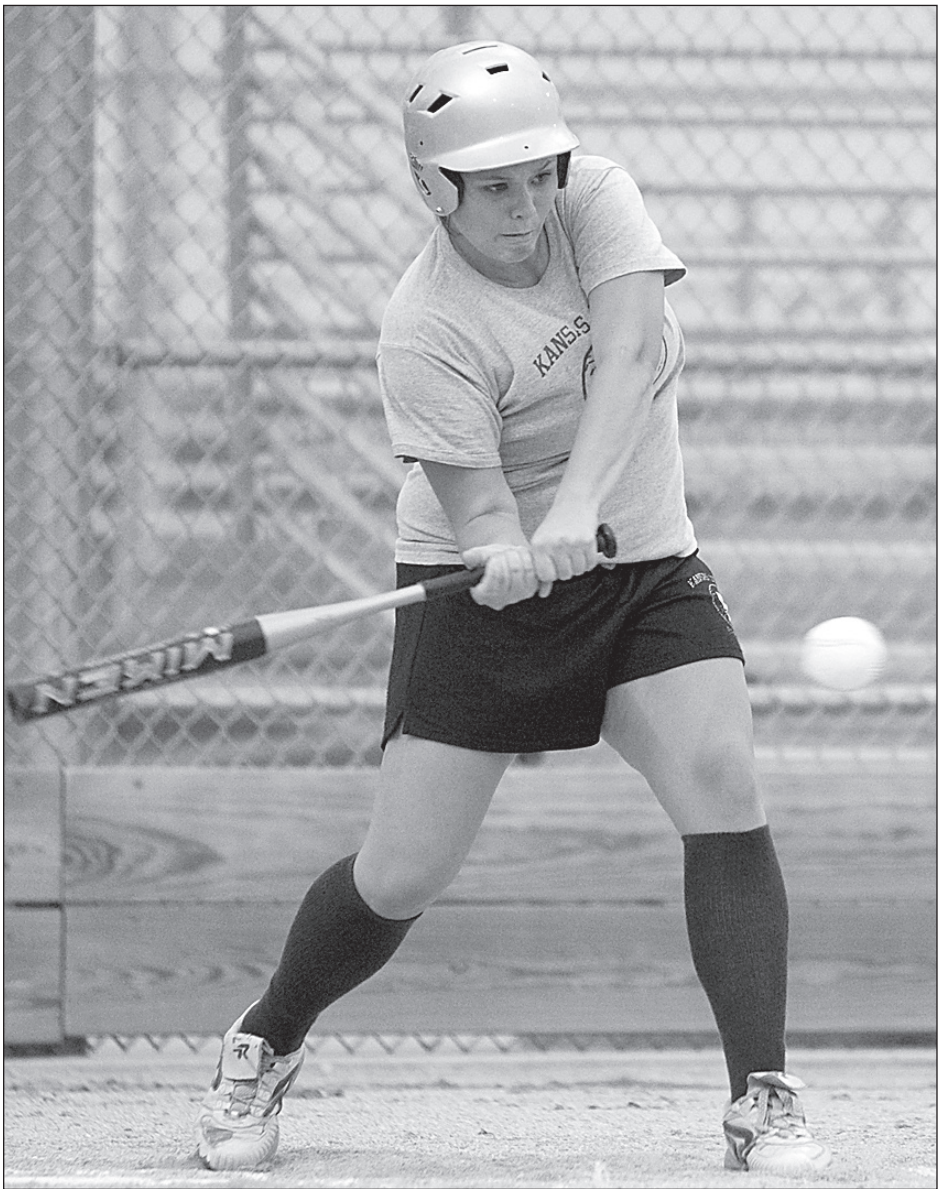
"On the field, the way we work together as a group," she said. "We only practice two or three days a week, but on the field it's all business and we work really hard and are competitive and tend to be fairly successful."

Bunnel said she has been playing softball for most of her life, starting with tee ball as a child.

"I played competitively all throughout my youth," she said. "I did a little research when I knew I was coming up here and found out about the club team and decided to come out, and try it out."

Bunnel, who is in her fifth year of playing on the team, said she didn't plan on playing her entire college career, but she could not walk away.

"When I started as a freshman, I told myself, 'I'm just going to play one year, and then I'm going to settle down and really focus on some other, career development activities,'" Bunnel said.



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Dena Bunnel, catcher for the K-State Women's Fast pitch Softball Club team, swings at a pitch from Haskell Indian Nations University last Thursday. The first match of the double-header ended in a 1-1 tie, and K-State won the second match 12-3.

"Well, five years later, I'm still here. The girls on the team are now some of my best friends, and one of them is actually my roommate."

Blair Stenzel, junior in mass communications and president of the Softball Club, said she loves the game and it keeps her coming back each year.

"I have been involved since my freshman year, and it's my junior year," Stenzel said. "I just love the game. It's weird, it's just something I can't let go yet. I played all my life, I love to play and I'll play as long as I can."

The team played on Thursday against Haskell in Wamego, their only home event of the fall. Typically, softball and baseball are reserved for the spring, but the club team does both.

"The fall schedule is usually smaller," Bunnel said. "This year we have five dates, but one of those was a tournament, so we played five games and we've got a couple triple-headers for our [National Club Softball Association] conference games."

Bunnel said all women are welcome to come and be a part of the team, but those with no previous playing experience may not see the field.

"You have to be a woman, and you have to be a currently enrolled student at K-State," she said. "Pretty much anybody that wants to come out can come out and play. Because we are a competitive team though, we don't have a formal tryout or cut, but the best girls will play."

All club teams at K-State pay dues to help cover travel costs and other expenses, with the softball team being no exception.

"We all pay dues like any regular club," Bunnel said. "We also do a lot of fundraising, like sell T-shirts every year. We also put on a clinic for younger girls in the spring, and we seek local sponsorships."

More information can be found on the club's Web site, k-state.edu/softball.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women's golf in 4th, 7th after two rounds

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After one day of play in the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational, the women's golf team is in the middle of the pack.

The Wildcats have two squads in the tournament with one in fourth place and the other in seventh place.

Hanna Roos, a freshman who is competing for the first time this season, leads all K-State participants and is tied for seventh at six-over-par for the day, while sophomore

Ami Storey is in 12th place at 13-over-par.

The fourth-placed squad finished with a score of 25-over-par, while the 7th place team finished with 31-over-par. There are a total of 13 teams in the tournament field.

Freshman Whitney Pyle is at seven-over-par for the day and currently tied for 31st. Junior Emily Houtz is tied for 48th place at 13-over-par.

The fourth-placed squad is four strokes behind Illinois State in third place, but well behind the first-place tournament leader No. 37 Tulsa at 35-over-par.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BANKS EARNS CONFERENCE HONORS AFTER WEEKEND PERFORMANCE

After becoming the first player in Big 12 Conference history to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in the same game, senior wide receiver Brandon Banks has been named the Big 12 special teams Player of the Week.

Banks, the 2008 Big 12 offensive newcomer of the year, accumulated 303 all-purpose yards in the Wildcats' 49-7 rout of Tennessee Tech on Saturday. That mark is the fifth-highest total in K-State single game history. He has returned a total of three kicks for touchdowns, including a 98-yard score against Nebraska last season.

"I just ran the ball," Banks said in a post-game press conference. "The other 10 guys on the team blocked really well."

In addition to becoming the first conference player to accomplish the feat, he became the 12th player in college football history to do so, and the first since UCLA's Brandon Breazell scored on a pair of onside kicks against Northwestern in 2005.

Dating back to the 1999 campaign, the Wildcats have scored 70 non-offensive touchdowns, which is the second-highest total in college football during that span; only Virginia Tech has more with 74.



Banks

FREEMAN MOVED TO NO. 2 ON BUCCANEERS DEPTH CHART

Tamba Bay Buccaneers head coach Raheem Morris – a former K-State defensive coordinator – has elected to bench starting quarterback Byron Leftwich in favor of second-year veteran Josh Johnson for the team's week four showdown with the Washington Redskins. Leftwich, a well-traveled veteran, struggled on Sunday, completing seven passes for just 22 yards while throwing an interception in a 24-0 loss to the New York Giants.

The move drops Leftwich to third on the Buccaneers' depth chart, making former Wildcat signal-caller Josh Freeman the primary backup for Tampa Bay. Freeman, who was selected 17th overall in the 2009 NFL Draft, has yet to take a snap in a regular season game during his young professional career.

Morris and Freeman were both part of K-State's program during the 2006 season, which marked the first year of the Ron Prince era. During his three-year stint in Manhattan, Freeman rewrote the record book in several passing categories. When he left for the NFL he had accumulated 1,151 passing attempts, 680 completions, 8,078 yards and 44 touchdowns – all school records. He was the first Wildcat taken in the first round since Terrence Newman was drafted fifth overall in 2003.



Freeman

TICKETS SALES REMAIN LOW FOR SATURDAY'S GAME IN KANSAS CITY

According to the athletics ticket office, less than 10,000 K-State tickets have been sold for the Wildcats' football game against Iowa State this Saturday at Arrowhead Stadium, the home venue of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. Total ticket sales have reached about 31,000 between the two schools.

The contest, which is the first of a two-game series to be played at the neutral location, is slated as a home game on the Cyclones' schedule for 2009 and is included in Iowa State's season ticket package. Next year's matchup will be considered a home game for K-State.

The Wildcats own a 3-1 all-time mark in Arrowhead Stadium with all four contests coming in 2000 or later. K-State has played two season openers at the stadium – a 27-7 win over Iowa in 2000 and a 42-28 victory against California in 2003. The team has also played a pair of Big 12 Championships at the venue, both against Oklahoma. K-State clinched its first and only conference championship when it knocked off the Sooners 35-7 in 2003.

Remaining tickets for Saturday's action can be purchased at KstateSports.com. K-State athletics director John Currie is personally encouraging fans to attend, emphasizing the game as an opportunity to expose the university on a national stage.



THE EDGE

Guys and Dolls' house

Production crew sets stage for play

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A large amount of work and planning goes into a stage production, and a musical as large as “Guys and Dolls” requires many long hours from every person involved.

Kathy Voecks, assistant professor of scenic design, designed all the “Guys and Dolls” sets and knows firsthand how much work goes into every aspect of a performance.

“There are six different scenes, with some variation in each, and we use a couple of the scenes multiple times,” Voecks said. The main piece of the set, a large city backdrop, will be the most challenging to build.

“The big set is eight to 10 separate pieces, and each of those pieces will take a couple of days to build,” she said.

When building the set, the scene building and design team has many factors to keep in mind. First, Voecks said the team has to make sure there is enough space backstage.

“With a musical we have to keep a lot of open space because there’s lots of dancing, but still make sure it’s not boring,” she said.

Boring is definitely not a word that describes the set of “Guys and Dolls.” Construction of the sets has just begun, but mock-ups of the stage show colorful storefronts, high-rising signs and a vivid portrayal of the sights of a big city.

“One of the biggest challenges is that it’s big and our set shop isn’t, so it’s going to take a lot of time,” Voecks said. “One of the best things is also that it’s big, it’s fun and it’s colorful.”

Once Voecks designed the sets, she sent them to the head of set building, who took care of the details concerning the dimensions and measurements of each piece. Once the plans were made, they were sent to the set building shop

located in the back of McCain Auditorium.

When there, the staff of about 10 students - as well as other students from a set design class - works to build the pieces under the watchful eye of George Matthews, supervisor of the set shop. Matthews once did freelance set building in New York but was drawn back to the collegiate setting three years ago.

“I really wanted to work with students and get back to the university setting,” Matthews said.

The shop can be pretty hectic at times; the team is working on a total of three sets for various plays right now that are all in different stages of development.

“To build a set, you have to know how to read plans and be able to do basic shop math,” Matthews said. “There’s definitely an artistic side to it also, making it look good and not just getting it done.”

Once the “Guys and Dolls” sets are built, Voecks will oversee the painting of them before they are finally ready for the stage.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Brandon Wheat, sophomore in technical theatre, assembles part of the casters for the set of “Guys and Dolls.” Casters are the pieces with wheels that allow the parts of the set to move.



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Carpenters working on the set of “Guys and Dolls” move one of the larger pieces of the set against a wall in the workshop located in the back of McCain Auditorium Monday afternoon.

The Schwag breaks mold for tribute bands

“The Schwag”

★★★★☆

Band review by Eli B Neal

The phrase “tribute band” is enough to make many music fan cringe. Few tribute bands are worth seeing, even fewer are worth re-viewing. Most are mediocre musicians, and their careers are short-lived at best. Therefore, we’ve come to expect very little from tribute bands; if they can drunkenly play a few of our favorite songs with skills far inferior to that of the original band, we are satisfied. Saturday The Schwag, a Grateful Dead tribute band, played at Kathouse Lounge and proved they are far more than a typical tribute band.

The Schwag started in 1991 as a local band in St. Louis, Mo.

Jimmy Tebeau, bass player and vocalist, explained that at the time “We were just doing it for fun. We never thought it would grow to what it is.”

The band experienced some local success in its early years. However, Tebeau explained when Jerry Garcia, lead singer for the Grateful Dead, died in 1995, the band experienced increased success.

“We figured it was going to fizzle out ... but when Jerry died the demand ironically went up and more people wanted to hear it,” Tebeau said.

Following Jerry’s death, The Schwag began touring regionally. Since that time, the band has toured continually, usually playing around 150 shows a year.

Most notable about The Schwag’s performance at The Kathouse, as well as all of their shows, is the skill the group has at improvisation. A number of the band’s members were formally trained at improvisational jazz and the effect showed in their music. Tebeau explained one of the most important factors to The Schwag’s style.

“We don’t really recreate it, we perpet-

uate it, we have fun with the music and the structure of the tunes, we’re not really trying to mimic a certain recording.”

This willingness to adapt Grateful Dead’s music is one of the central reasons The Schwag’s performances are so enjoyable. During their set at Kathouse Lounge, they played a version of “Shakedown Steet,” one of Grateful Dead’s most popular songs. The Schwag’s version sounded different from any version I have heard by the original band. Ultimately, it is this willingness to adapt the Dead’s music that makes The Schwag’s sets feel like an actual Grateful Dead.

What separates The Schwag from other tribute bands, even more than their musical ability or their longevity, is Schwagstock, a series of music festivals the band began producing in 1997.

Tebeau explained that the first Schwagstock took place at a campground near Columbia, Mo.

“600 people showed up. There wasn’t really even a stage, it was a slab of concrete with a tarp over it,” he said.

Over the next six years, the band regularly rented out campgrounds in central Missouri, sometimes drawing as many as 7,000 people to their festivals. In 2004, the band decided to buy their own campground and purchased Camp Zoe, a 330 acre campground that was once a youth camp in Salem, MO. Since purchasing Camp Zoe, The Schwag has hosted numerous festivals there. On September 18th and 19th, the 42nd Schwagstock took place, an event which Jimmy said over 4,500 people attended.

The Schwag succeeded where so many tribute bands fall short for numerous reasons: their skills and willingness to adapt Grateful Dead’s music, the bands remarkable longevity and, most importantly, the impact they have had on regional counterculture through their numerous Schwagstocks. Ultimately, The Schwag is a Grateful Dead tribute band not simply because they play Grateful Dead songs, but because everything about the band and their lives embodies messages and goals that were Jerry Garcia’s life work.

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ELI NEAL

Boutique offers cheap trends

Just a stone’s throw away from Manhattan’s most popular hangouts is a locally-owned, K-State bred apparel boutique, Zotcis, that offers a variety of trends and styles for various customers. K-State graduate and Manhattan resident Sara Meyer opened the store in 2001 to offer the Manhattan community something different; something more than a typical corporate retail chain. Zotcis has a laid-back atmosphere with employees and interns, who play customized iTunes playlists in the store.

Meyer said she prides herself on making each day educational for her employees and interns. Not only does she give employees personal and creative freedom in the store layout and merchandise, but she also gives them liberty in planning fashion shows at the store to give them hands-on experience as preparation for life in the retail fashion industry.

Meyer has also reached out to her alma mater and the Apparel Marketing and Design Alliance at K-State by giving presentations on running a small retail business. Zotcis has had fashion shows to highlight K-State apparel design and production students, using students as the models. Employee Jamie Bergner, senior in apparel marketing, said she likes that Zotcis offers a wide variety of clothing, accessories and jewelry when compared to other stores in the area.

“Before I graduated, there were only stores in the mall and not many boutiques to cater to college students in Man-

hattan,” Meyer said.

Meyer tries to offer students a store that has something for the inner fashion diva in everyone. With purses, jewelry and commitment to being on the forefront of fashionable plus-sized options, Meyer aims to make Zotcis’s clothes as special as its customers.

She said her favorite things about Zotcis are the staff and the customers.

“My girls make work fun every day,” Meyers said, “and I’m here eight years after I opened because of the customers.”

With frequent sales, the clothes at Zotcis are affordable for college students and, considering the variety of styles - from classics to the latest styles - the store offers something for everyone. With frequent sales, Zotcis offers products ranging from \$50 purses to \$20-\$30 blouses and dresses.

Zotcis customer Melissa Rose, sophomore in human resource management, described the store’s selection of clothing as almost addicting.

“They always have new stuff every time I come in,” Rose said. “I can’t help but buy something whenever I shop here.”



JESSIE DOWELL

Meyer said she strives to always keep the customer in mind and encourages her employees to be outgoing and form a connection with each customer. Notifying customers of sales and new merchandise via Facebook.com, she reaches out to Zotcis customers through technology. Meyer also has created a survey for her customers on Facebook in order to get feedback on what they would like to see more of this winter.

For those who need some fashion advice, Zotcis offers personal shopping consultations. Employees can help you find outfits for various occasions, offering different options and ideas. Consultants give advice based on knowledge gained from their apparel backgrounds at K-State.

Like other popular Manhattan boutiques, Zotcis offers great customer service and affordable prices for college students, while connecting back to K-State.

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Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

A ring glistens on the hand of a mannequin on display in the front of Zotcis. The store was established in 2001 at 1203 Morro St. in Aggieville.

RECYCLE | Curbside pickups cost effective

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Greg Bollenbach, owner of Bobby T's, has only been using Green Apple for a couple of weeks but said he has already seen a difference for his business. Bollenbach said he has reduced trash pick up at Bobby T's from three times a week to two times a week, and the business is also using less trash bags.

"I'm saving anywhere from \$30 to \$120 a month by saving the cardboard and having [Green Apple] pick it up separately," Bollenbach said. "It's a cost benefit."

According to *Help-Stop-Global-Warming.com*, recycling aluminum cans uses 95 percent less energy than making new ones, recycling plastic bottles uses 70 percent less energy and every ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees and 380 gallons of oil.

Brent Sigman, Manhattan resident, does not currently recycle, but agreed that a service like Green Apple Curbside Recycling makes it more appealing.

"If it was readily accessible and for a good price, it would be worth my time," he said.

Information on how to sign up with Green Apple Curbside Recycling is available on the Web site, *GreenAppleCurbsideRecycling.com*, and on the company's *Facebook.com* page.

Green Apple offers customers the option to pay using a Pay Pal account, but other arrangements can be made by request.

There is a Web page for a second curbside recycling company called Flint Hills Recycling in town, but there was no response from the listed phone number and the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce has no record of the business.

BOOKS | English dept. to read in Bosco Plaza



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

The Department of English, Sigma Tau Delta and the International English Honor Society sponsored an event Monday outside of the K-State Student Union in coordination with Banned Books Week. **Lisa Tattonetti**, assistant professor of English, reads to **Abby Knoblauch**, assistant professor of English.

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the library also deals with the idea of banned books because of its status as a "public library." However, it does not often have to ban books, which requires multiple people opposing them.

"A request to have a book banned gets sent to us, then we send it to a board of individuals who each read it and judge it for themselves," Withee said.

Laurel Littrell, head of general information ser-

vices at Hale Library, said K-State students are not affected as much here by the list of banned books because Hale is considered a "research library."

"I've never seen a request for one of our books to be removed," she said. Littrell feels strongly about Banned Books Week, even though Hale is not as affected by it.

Readings of banned books are scheduled to take place every day this week in Bosco Student Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mendenhall's article shows topics need to be discussed

Dear Editor,

Beth Mendenhall may not be able to comment on her own article, "A lobbying success story of milk," but she has commented on it in other places. Here's something she said about it that I found interesting:

"You all need to recognize something: this is not a scholarly work, it's not a paper for class and it's not an exhaustive analysis. I have an extremely limited word count. I include the evidence that I can, but am mainly interested in getting people to look into the issues for themselves and recognize that there is research that suggests something other than the dominant milk narrative."

This is the point: her article was not intended to come across the way it did to many people who feel personally insulted because they grew up with the dairy or agricultural industries. Those people will just have to accept that sometimes people will do or say things they find offensive – without malicious intent, even though it could be seen that way.

Everyone who has pointed out various bits of research and practices that they

know of firsthand, which refute some of Beth's facts, has Beth's respect (and mine) for their efforts to correct what came across as untrue.

But everyone who has pointed out that Beth is "wrong" for writing this article does not have my sympathy. You have every right to feel personally offended by her article, but you do not have the right to viciously attack someone (whether just verbally or otherwise) simply for existing in a way that you don't like. Beth has opened people's eyes to an issue that clearly deserves more public attention, because obviously some of us don't have all the facts.

Don't pretend that liberals are "not allowed" to attend K-State. Don't pretend that we are not allowed our perspective and worldview, just the same as you are allowed yours. Don't lead the people reading this who aren't from around here into thinking that K-State is so closed-minded that we don't accept people who are "different" from us.

Tiffany Dean

K-STATE 2002 GRADUATE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Got Milk?' article one-sided

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the editorial article "Got milk?" by Beth Mendenhall printed on Sept. 23, 2009.

Advising readers to "be wary of any information presented by those with a financial incentive to support the unnatural, unhealthy consumption of milk – including the Department of Agriculture" is a very irresponsible, disrespectful and ignorant idea to print. This quote perpetuates the myth that milk and its entities should be avoided at all costs, and that the Department of Agriculture is only out to make money.

The article "Got milk?" is a problem be-

cause its sources are highly biased and outdated; many "facts" are, in fact, completely misleading about dairy products, dairy cattle welfare and the Department of Agriculture.

When reporting about nutrition, health or the quality of the Department of Agriculture, please contextualize outliers and report from accurate and credible sources. Also, take into consideration that the Collegian is, in fact, a publication of a land-grant institution that was governmentally funded to promote agriculture and related sciences.

Olivia Dyan Moore

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Potters Guild sponsors sale to raise money for convention



Kristy Robinson, senior in secondary education, looks at a bowl during the annual K-State Potters Guild sale in Bosco Student Plaza. The Potters Guild will continue sales today and Wednesday at the Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGEIAN

An annual sale sponsored by the K-State Potters Guild was stationed in Bosco Student Plaza yesterday. Students and faculty showed off handmade ceramics to sell to people on campus.

The group promoted the event to raise money for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. The council promotes ceramic arts through education, community building, research and creative inspiration, according to *nceca.net*.

The council is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and support for individuals and schools with interest in the ceramic arts. After several years of affiliation with the Ceramics Education Council of the American Society, the organization became independent in 1966.

Arianna Valdois, senior in fine arts, said the Potters Guild makes its presence known on campus.

“We hold these setups three times a year,” Valdois said. “Once in the fall, before Christmas, and before Mother’s Day.”

Valdois said 30 percent of the money raised at the event goes toward the council for its annual conference, which is scheduled for March and April of 2010. Each year, the council holds a conference to showcase ceramic art, and this will be the 44th annual conference. Philadelphia, Pa., has played host to the gathering for the past two years, and will do so again this year.

Carrie Becker, graduate student in art, said she tries to buy at least one or two



things from each person who donated to the event.

“The people who put on the event are actually my friends,” Becker said.

Bruce Law, professor of physics, said he is a frequent customer of the annual K-State Potters Guild sale, and he usually buys one or two pieces each time.

“I usually come every single year,” Law said.

He also said the guild has good quality, prices and very unusual stuff. The event will continue today and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Above: The K-State Potters Guild held their annual pottery sale for students who are enrolled in ceramics classes. The sale included mugs, bowls and plates.

Left: The tables provided a large pottery selection for students to browse in Bosco Student Plaza Monday afternoon.

Photos by Rebecca Tincher
COLLEGEIAN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kansas Republican delegation votes against Kansas students

Dear Editor:

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to pass the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. The Student Aid Act is a common-sense reform that will generate an estimated \$80 billion in savings by bypassing for-profit lenders in the loan process, and will instead provide loans directly to students. This reform makes the government more efficient and invests the savings in the education of young Americans without raising taxes or adding to the deficit.

The bill’s champion, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., explained the reform simply, “We were paying these exorbitant subsidies to bankers who were taking government money, loaning it to somebody else, getting government guarantees that the loans would be paid back and then taking all these profits.”

It’s no wonder such common-sense legislation passed with broad bipartisan support. However, it was not supported by the Kansas Republican delegation in Congress. The reforms come at the expense of some of the

Kansas Republicans’ most reliable donors – commercial bankers. If members of Congress like Lynn Jenkins and Todd Tiahrt had spent less time talking to well-heeled bankers and more time talking to the Kansas students and families struggling with the skyrocketing cost of college, then they might have found a reason to support the Student Aid Act.

The legislation now moves to the Senate where neither Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts nor Sen. Sam Brownback have committed their support to this common sense reform. What possible virtue can they find in allowing bankers to line their pockets with the money of Kansas students and families? It’s unfortunate they won’t commit their support to legislation that will make government more efficient and effective, will allow more Kansans to pursue higher education and will allow Kansan families to keep more of their money.

Colin Curtis and Gina Burrows,
PRESIDENTS, KANSAS YOUNG DEMOCRATS,
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CITY | Commission to discuss water rates

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it doesn’t get any better with more discussions.”

The other item on the agenda to discuss is increases in the basic water rates for Manhattan consumers.

The current rates are not high enough to cover the costs of operations. According to the agenda, the losses are with consumers who use 401 to 40,000 units and 40,000 or more units of water. This

accounts for 26 Manhattan area consumers. In 2008, the city spent about \$900,000 more than it charged to provide water to these consumers.

The meeting will be held in the City Commission room at City Hall located at 1101 Poyntz Ave., and it will be televised on local cable channel 3.

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